

*Wednesday, April 21, 1999*

# *Daily Digest*

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report on the Education Flexibility Partnership Act.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

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**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 846–856, S. Res. 81, S.J. Res. 21, and S. Con. Res. 28.

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**Budget Process Reform:** Senate continued consideration of S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Lott (for Abraham) Amendment No. 254, to preserve and protect the surpluses of the social security trust funds by reaffirming the exclusion of receipts and disbursement from the budget, by setting a limit on the debt held by the public, and by amending the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide a process to reduce the limit on the debt held by the public.

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Abraham Amendment No. 255 (to Amendment No. 254), in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Amendment No. 254 (listed above), with a vote on the motion to close further debate thereon, to occur at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 22, 1999.

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**Education Flexibility Partnership Act:** By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 89), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Susan G. Esserman, of Maryland, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

George M. Langford, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Joseph A. Miller, Jr., of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Robert C. Richardson, of New York, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Cleo Parker Robinson, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2004.

Maxine L. Savitz, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Luis Sequeira, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Edwin M. Truman, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Alice Rae Yelen, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001.

Routine lists in the Public Health Service.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Gwen C. Clare, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

Oliver P. Garza, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua.

Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative of the United States of America

to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—89). Page S4005

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 22, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4067.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE REFORM

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to review the recent report on the Federal Crop Insurance Program by the Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, and Kenneth D. Ackerman, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, both of the Department of Agriculture; Lawrence J. Dyckman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; and Ron Brichler, National Crop Insurance Services, Overland Park, Kansas, on behalf of the American Association of Crop Insurers.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Defense Health Program, focusing on service member care, comprehensive health coverage for dependents, retirees, and for surviving

family members, research, health promotion, war-time support, and inter-service cooperation, after receiving testimony from Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA, Army Surgeon General; Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, USN, Medical Corps, Navy Surgeon General; Lt. Gen. Charles H. Roadman, II, USAF, Air Force Surgeon General; Brig. Gen. Bettye H. Simmons, USA, Chief, Army Nurse Corps; Rear Adm. Kathleen L. Martin, USN, Director, Navy Nurse Corps and Medical Inspector General; and Brig. Gen. Linda J. Stierle, USAF, Director of Medical Readiness and Nursing Services, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General.

### NAVY AND MARINE READINESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings to review the readiness of the United States Navy and Marines operating forces, after receiving testimony from Adm. J. Paul Reason, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Adm. Archie R. Clemens, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Lt. Gen. Bruce B. Knutson, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force; Lt. Gen. Frank L. Libutti, USMC, Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force; and Lt. Gen. Carlton W. Fulford, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on ship acquisition programs and policy and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from H. Lee Buchanan III, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments; Lt. Gen. Martin R. Steele, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies, and Operations; Vice Adm. James F. Amerault, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Logistics; Rear Adm. Albert T. Church, III, USN, Director, Office of Budget, Office of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller; and James F. Wiggins, Associate Director, General Accounting Office.

### TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION BUDGET/FASTENER QUALITY ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the Department of Commerce's Technology Administration fiscal year 2000

budget request, focusing on the global competitive environment, the role of the Office of the Under Secretary and the Office of Technology, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology plans for the future, and S.795, to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mis-marked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements, after receiving testimony from Gary Bachula, Acting Under Secretary for Technology, and Raymond G. Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, both of the Department of Commerce; Robert E. Brunner, Illinois Tool Works, Inc., Elgin, on behalf of the Industrial Fasteners Institute; Adrian Paul Cockman, Dearborn, Michigan, on behalf of the Ford Motor Company, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, and the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers; and Steven Schonholtz, Gardenbolt International, Inc., Sayreville, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Fastener Distributors Association.

#### NATURAL GAS SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine whether the United States has the natural gas supply and infrastructure necessary to meet projected demand, after receiving testimony from Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Richard J. Sharples, Anadarko Energy Services Company, on behalf of the Natural Gas Supply Association, and Rafael Quijano, Latin American Petroleum Intelligence Services, both of Washington, D.C.; Keith E. Bailey, Williams Company, on behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, and H.G. Kleemeier, Kaiser-Francis Oil Company, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Paul A. Elbert, Natural Gas Consumers Energy Company, Jackson, Michigan, on behalf of the American Gas Association; and Greg Stringham, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Calgary, Alberta.

#### LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTENNIAL

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings to review the inter-agency Memorandum of Understanding regarding the upcoming Lewis and Clark bicentennial celebration, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget/Chief Financial Officer.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported on original bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2000 and 2001; to provide for enhanced security at United States diplomatic facilities; to provide for certain arms control, nonproliferation, and other national security measures; and to provide for reform of the United Nations.

#### NATO'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the goals and initiatives of NATO's forthcoming 50th Anniversary Summit, after receiving testimony from Senator Kyl; Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; Franklin D. Kramer, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and Stephen A. Cambone, Research Director, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, both of the Department of Defense; Stephen Hadley, Shea and Gardner, and F. Stephen Larrabee, RAND Corporation, both of Washington, D.C.

#### REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 746, to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government, focusing on cost-benefit analysis, risk assessment, peer review, judicial review, comparative risk analysis, and the regulatory review process under the Office of Management and Budget, after receiving testimony from Mayor Gregory S. Lashutka, Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Robert E. Roberts, Environmental Council of the States, Lester M. Crawford, Georgetown University Center for Food and Nutrition Policy, Patricia G. Kenworthy, National Environmental Trust, and Franklin E. Mirer, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, and David C. Vladeck, Public Citizen Litigation Group, all of Washington, D.C.; Scott L. Holman, Bay Cast, Inc., Bay City, Michigan, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Ronald A. Cass, Boston University School of Law, and John D. Graham, Harvard School of Public Health, both of Boston, Massachusetts.

#### INTERNET PRIVACY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on privacy issues surrounding the Internet, focusing on Internet industry policy, security, data

protection, law enforcement, technology development, and electronic commerce, after receiving testimony from Katherine Borsechnik, America Online, Inc., Dulles, Virginia; Michael Sheridan, Novell, Inc., Orem, Utah; Irving Wladawsky-Berger, IBM Corporation, and Jerry Berman, Center for Democracy and Technology, both of Washington, D.C.; Russell T. Bodoff, BBBOnline, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; and Gregory Fischbach, Acclaim Entertainment, Inc., Glen Cove, New York.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights approved for full committee consideration S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

## NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS, TRADE, AND TOURISM

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 401, to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans, focusing on physical infrastructure, skill development, separation of powers and good governance, regulatory reform, access to capital, and international trade and tourism, after receiving testimony from Phillip A.

Singerman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development; Tex G. Hall, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, New Town, North Dakota; Gloria O'Neill, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., Anchorage Alaska; John R. Sunchild, Sr., National Tribal Development Association, Box Elder, Montana; and Michael A. Rouleau, U.S. WEST Communications, Inc., Denver, Colorado.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

## CORRUPTION THREAT ON THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* Caucus concluded hearings on the threat of corruption to United States Law Enforcement along the Southwest border, after receiving testimony from Richard M. Stana, Associate Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and Doris M. Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 1500–1519; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 90–91, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** One report was filed as follows:

H. Res. 145, providing for consideration of H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters (H. Rept. 106–103).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Shimkus to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Bill Shimkus of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

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**Conference Report on Education Flexibility Act:** By a ye and nay vote of 368 yeas to 57 nays, Roll No. 94, the House agreed to the conference report

on H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships.

Pages H2211–18

H. Res. 143, the rule that waived all points of order against the conference report was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

Pages H2208–11

**Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act:** The House passed H.R. 1184, to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 414 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 95.

Pages H2219–25

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to the Traficant amendment that requires the compliance with the “Buy American Act;” notifies recipients of assistance concerning the purchase of American-made equipment and products; and prohibits contracts with any person who intentionally affixes a “Made in America” inscription to a product that is not made in the United States.

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H. Res. 142, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

Pages H2218–19

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H2205.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2217–18 and H2224–25. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Kosovo Supplemental. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Williams S. Cohen, Secretary; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joints Chiefs of Staff.

### LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued hearings on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

### INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZATIONS

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2000 authorizations for the international financial institutions and related programs. Testimony was heard from Lawrence Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1400, Bond Price Competition Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 459, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project; amended, H.R. 1378, to authorize appropriations for carrying out pipeline safety activities

under chapter 601 of title 49, United States Code; and H.R. 45, amended, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1999.

### FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Federal Prison Industries. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### WORKPLACE LEGISLATION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 987, Workplace Preservation Act; the Safety and Health Audit Promotion Act; the Safety and Health Audit Promotion and Whistleblower Improvement Act; and the Models of Safety and Health Excellence Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Petri, Andrews, Blunt and Pelosi; and public witnesses.

### RESOLUTION—REMOVE U.S. ARMED FORCES FROM PRESENT OPERATIONS AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA

*Committee on International Relations:* Began markup of H. Con. Res. 82, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from their positions in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Will continue tomorrow.

### KOSOVO SITUATION

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Situation in Kosovo. Testimony was heard from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

### EMBATTLED STATE OF U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on the Embattled State of U.S.-China Relations: Assessing the Zhu Rongji Visit. Testimony was heard from Stanley Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Continued markup of H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999.

Will continue tomorrow.

### BEACHES, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, CLEANUP, AND HEALTH ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 11 to 0, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 999, Beaches, Environmental Assessment, Cleanup,

and Health Act of 1999. The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment by section.

The rule provides for the consideration of the (manager's) amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative Shuster or his designee. The rule provides that the manager's amendment shall be considered as read, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, shall not be subject to amendment or to a division of the question, and is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. If adopted, the amendment is considered as part of the base text for further amendment purposes.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boehlert and Bilbray.

#### **SPACE LAUNCH INDEMNIFICATION EXTENSION**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Extension of Space Launch Indemnification. Testimony was heard from Esta Rosenberg, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### **GENETICS TESTING**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Genetics Testing in the New Millennium: Advances, Standards and Implications. Testimony was heard from Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH; and William F. Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Science Policy, Office of the Secretary; and a public witness.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 118, to designate the Federal

building at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building"; H.R. 560, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 300 Recinto Sur Street in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo United States Post Office and Courthouse"; H.R. 686, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Garza-Vela United States Courthouse"; H.R. 1121, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; S. 453, to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building"; and S. 460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse".

#### **WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1480, Water Resources Development Act of 1999.

#### **VETERAN'S LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1071, Montgomery GI Bill Improvements Act of 1999; and H.R. 1182, Servicemembers Educational Opportunity Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Vice Adm. Patricia A. Tracey, USN, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Military Personnel Policy; Maj. Gen. Evan Gaddis, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command; Rear Adm. Barbara E. McGann, USN, Commander, U.S. Navy Recruiting Command; Brig. Gen. Peter U. Sutton, USAF, Commander, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service; Maj. Gen. Gary L. Parks, USMC, Commanding General, U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting; Sergeant First Class Thomas R. Krech, Recruiter, U.S. Army; Petty Officer Laura D. Johnson, Recruiter, U.S. Navy; Staff Sergeant Robert A. Austin, Field Recruiter, U.S. Air Force; and Gunnery Sergeant Paul Jornet, Recruiter, U.S. Marine Corps; the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Rear Adm. Thomas J. Barrett, USCG, Director, Reserve and Training; and Electricians Mate Second Class Keisha R. Gill, USCG, Recruiter, U.S. Coast Guard; former Representative G.V. Montgomery of Mississippi; and a public witness.

## VA MEDICAL FACILITIES—SUSPENSION OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health held a joint hearing on the suspension of medical research at Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities in West Los Angeles and Sepulveda, California. Testimony was heard from J. Thomas Puglisi, Director, Division of Human Subject Protections, Office for Protection from Research Risks, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Dean C. Norman, M.D., Acting Chief of Staff, West Los Angeles Medical Center; Kenneth Clark, Chief, Network Officer; Ronald Norby, Clinical Manager and Deputy Network Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network 22; and Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; and public witnesses.

## BRIEFING—CHINA DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on China Damage Assessment. The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D386 )

H.R.1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas. Signed April 19, 1999. (P.L. 106-21)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings on worldwide threats to United States national security interests, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, with the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold joint hearings on issues relating to the official dollarization in emerging-market countries, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy, with the Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold joint hearings on issues relating to the official dollarization in emerging-market countries, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the status of the Medicare trust fund, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine boxing industry regulations, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold a closed briefing on the damage to the national security from Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, 9:30 a.m., SH-219.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 441, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system; S. 548, to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio; S. 581, to protect the Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to authorize a Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park; and S. 700, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine North Korea's prison camps, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings on S. 59, to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits, and other regulatory reform legislation, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings on issues relating to the Elementary Secondary Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to resume consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* to hold hearings on issues relating to the oil industry and Y2K, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, on Florida Initiative, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electricity Competition: Reliability

and Transmission in Competitive Electricity Markets, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, joint hearing on Identity Theft: Is There Another You? 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 905, Missing, Exploited, and Run-away Children Protection Act; and H.R. 1150, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, hearing on Welfare Reform is Working: A Report on State and Local Initiatives, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs implementation of the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, to continue markup of H. Con. Res. 82, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from their positions in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, 8:30 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Need for New and Effective Policing in Northern Ireland, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to continue markup of H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999; and to mark up H.R. 771, to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up H.R. 1501, Consequences of Juvenile Offenders Act of 1999, 9:15 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 1110, Coastal Enhancement Act of 1999; and to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 34, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 1431, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 1999; and a measure to direct the Secretary

of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 898, Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act of 1999; and an oversight hearing on a proposed measure on Forest Roads, Community Right to Know, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1480, Water Resources Development Act of 1999; Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; H.R. 118, to designate the Federal building at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building"; H.R. 560, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 300 Recinto Sur Street in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo United States Post Office and Courthouse"; H.R. 686, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Garza-Vela United States Courthouse"; H.R. 1121, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; S. 453, to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building"; S. 460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse"; H.R. 1034, to declare a portion of the James River and Kanawha Canal in Richmond, Virginia, to be nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of title 46, United States Code, and other maritime laws of the United States; and H.R. 1162, to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge"; 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the issue of long-term care for veterans, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Coverage Decisions and Beneficiary Appeals, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on Child Protection, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 22

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 557, Budget Reform, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on Amendment No. 254.

Senate may also consider S. 96, Y2K Act.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, April 22

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Go to conference on H.R. 1141, Disaster Supplemental; and

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